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INTERNATIONAL APPLN. NO.  
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TITLE OF INVENTION: **CONNECTOR FOR EARTH MOVING IMPLEMENTS**


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Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:

1. ☒ This is a **FIRST** submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.
2. ☐ This is a **SECOND** or **SUBSEQUENT** submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.
3. ☒ This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)).  
The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (21) indicated below.
4. ☒ The US has been elected (Article 31).
5. ☒ A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(2))
  - a. ☒ is attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).
  - b. ☐ has been communicated by the International Bureau. See attached PCT/IB/308.
  - c. ☐ is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).
6. ☐ An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(2))
  - a. ☐ is attached hereto.
  - b. ☐ has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).
7. ☐ Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(3))
  - a. ☐ are attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).
  - b. ☐ have been communicated by the International Bureau.
  - c. ☐ have not been made, however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.
  - d. ☐ have not been made and will not be made.
8. ☐ An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(3)).
9. ☒ An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4))
10. ☐ A Declaration of Inventorship for purposes of U.S.A. designation pursuant to rule 4.17(iv). )
11. ☐ An English language translation of the annexes of the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)).

**Items 11 to 20 below concern document(s) or information included:**

12. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) w/PTO-1449 - ☐ Copy of IDS citations.
13. ☐ Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s)).
14. ☒ A preliminary amendment.
15. ☒ An Application Data Sheet under 37 C.F.R. 1.76.
16. ☒ Itemized Return Receipt Postcard
17. ☐ A substitute specification.
18. ☐ Power of Attorney and Statement under 37 CFR §3.73(b)
  - a. ☐ Newly executed Power of Attorney
  - b. ☐ A change of Power of Attorney and/or change of address letter.
19. ☐ A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 37 CFR 1.821 - 1.825.
20. ☐ A second copy of the published international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).
21. ☐ A second copy of the English language translation of the international application (35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4)).
22. ☒ Other items or information: **Abstract**

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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The following fees are submitted:  <p style="text-align: center;"><b>PCT FEES - NATIONAL STAGE</b></p>				<b>CALCULATIONS PTO USE ONLY</b>	
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